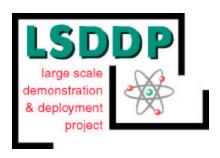




321-M - Fuel Fabrication Facility Large Scale Demonstration & Deployment Project



X-RAY, K-EDGE HEAVY METAL DETECTION SYSTEM



Overview of Technology Demonstration

- Technology Provider Ames Laboratory and the Center for Non-Destructive Evaluation at Iowa State University
- Equipment & Operation
- Technology Demonstration Scope Rooftop Portion of the Lathe Enclosures Exhaust System
- Methodology for Acquiring Data





Inspection Head - Side View





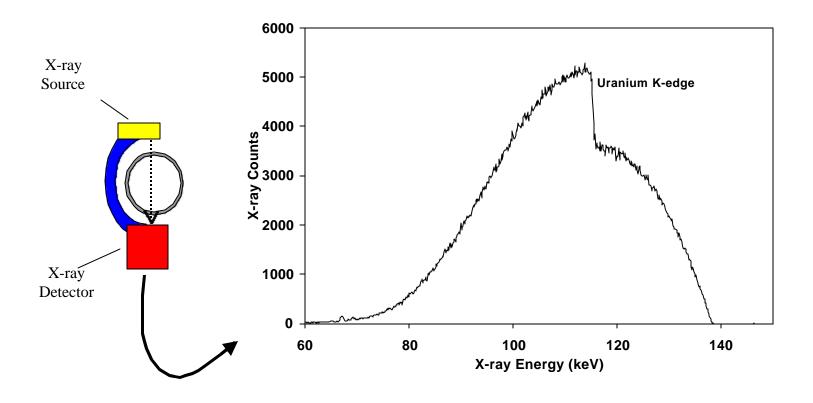
Inspection Head End View





Equipment in Hut to support Tech Demo





K-Edge Drop for a Tech Demo X-Ray Shot



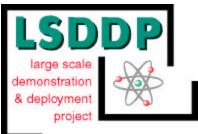


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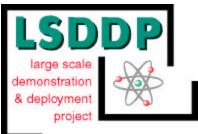


Scaffolding erected around Exhaust Ventilation Systems





Shielding and Equipment in-place to support Tech Demo





Inspection Head on Scaffolding Platform





Inspection head attached to Vertical Stand on Dolly



Significant Results

- X-Ray, K-Edge precision in the range of + or 3%.
- Wide-angle images of the ventilation duct interior provided an invaluable uranium profile of the interrogated areas.
- Photographic images and narrow beam spectroscopic traces provided a documented record of the characterization data.
- Vertical stand / dolly arrangement made manipulation of the inspection head very easy.



Benefit to the 321-M Deactivation Project

- Provided spatial information on the whereabouts of uranium in the rooftop ventilation ducts.
- More precisely quantified the uranium in the ventilation ducts.
- Facilitated development of a scope of work document and a cost estimate for ventilation duct highly enriched uranium (HEU) removal work.



Benefit to the DOE Complex End Users

- Provides precise assay measurements
- Provides a quantifiable profile of the heavy metal holdup within a container
- Provides a real-time record of each image and narrow beam spectroscopic measurement
- Provides a non-destructive evaluation of containers with different geometries and varying wall thicknesses



Broad End User Need(s) Addressed

- Need for a more precise heavy metal characterization technique (NaI technology is +100%, -50%)
- Need for better spatial resolution of the holdup material that is found



SRS STCG Need(s) Addressed

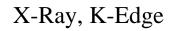
• SR99-4005 Characterization of Inaccessible Areas



X-Ray, K-Edge vs Competing Technologies

- X-Ray, K-Edge **more precise** than the NaI hand-held detector and other conventional, in-situ, passive gamma measurement systems.
- X-Ray, K-Edge provides **better spatial resolution** than the competing technologies.
- **Mobilization costs** for X-Ray, K-Edge are **greater** than those for competing technologies.
- Characterization time per linear foot of ventilation duct/pipe is anticipated to be the same for X-Ray, K-Edge and the competing technologies.
- **Setup time** between measurements **could be longer** for X-Ray, K-Edge than that experienced for competing technologies.

Criterion 2(p4): Relevancy







(Inspection Head attaches to extended arm)





Technical, Cost, and Schedule Status for the X-Ray, K-Edge Technology Demonstration

- Technical: Completed 132 x-ray shots in 26.5 hours on 84 feet of rooftop exhaust ventilation ducting with better precision than the conventional technologies
- Cost: Technology provider cost was \$12K, SRS project cost in direct support of the technology demonstration was \$69.5K
- Schedule: Completed the rooftop technology demonstration on 2/26/99.



SIZE REDUCTION

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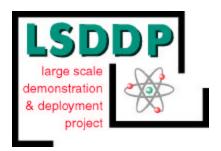
DEPLOYMENT SHEAR PLATFORM



Overview of Technology Demonstration

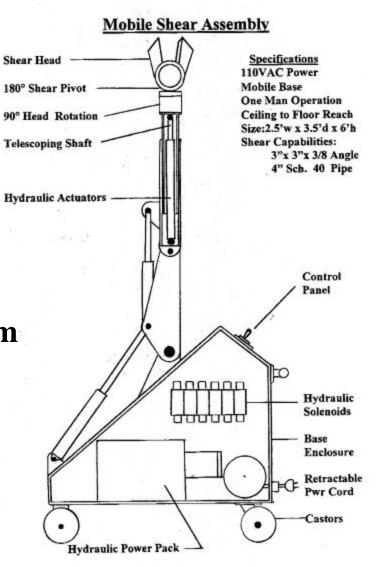
- Technology Provider Utility Engineering, (Denver, Colorado)
- Equipment & Operation
- Technology Demonstration Scope:
 - cut loose materials, floor level
 - cut fixed in place materials, floor level to roof
 - cut supports and piping, overhead





Size Reduction &

Deployment Shear Platform





Significant Results

- Tech Demo scheduled to start 7/99
- Baseline Technology Porto-Band Saw and Hand-Held Shears
- Tech Demo Goals:
 - prove Shear Platform to be faster than baseline
 - prove Shear Platform results in less operator fatique than baseline
 - prove Shear Platform to be safer than baseline



Benefit to the 321-M Deactivation Project

- Will reduce the size of items so they are easier to handle
- Will facilitate the removal of loose and fixed materials from the Contamination Area
- Will reduce the size of items so they take up less space in the waste container
- Will result in the generation of less waste containers



Benefit to the DOE Complex End Users

To be proven by technology demonstration:

- Can cut larger items than strictly hand-held baseline tools
- Can be worked from a ladder versus building a scaffold
- Can reduce operator fatique while increasing safety margins



Broad End User Need(s) Addressed

Anticipate Shear Platform will satisfy the following needs:

- Compact tool platform that can operate in restricted quarters
- Can easily work in an overhead environment
- Easy to relocate platform by manual means
- Can fit through standard 36-inch doorways
- Can take the weight of the shear tool off the operator





SRS STCG Need(s) Addressed

No matches



Shear Platform vs Competing Technologies

To be proven by technology demontration:

- Shear Platform can realize increased production rates over competing technologies for waist high cutting and above.
- Shear Platform is more economical than competing technologies for waist high cutting and above.
- Shear Platform cutting will not spread contamination.
- Shear Platform cutting will generate less secondary waste.

Criterion 2(p4): Relevancy



Technical, Cost, and Schedule Status for the Size Reduction Technology Demonstration

• Technical: Awarded contract 4/30/99

• Cost: TBD

• Schedule: Technology demonstration scheduled for 7/99

